

As a concerned citizen I am worried about Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions to consolidate small local media outlets.

The airwaves are a public resource, and Sinclair is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When control get consolidated into large corporations, our democracy suffers - the information that gets distributed is more likely to serve their bottom line and less likely to inform our local citizens. How can the media giants, located sometimes thousands of miles away, know what concerns our local communities and be able to provide substantive news about the issues that matter to us.

The actions of Sinclair illustrate the need to strengthen the rules governing media ownership, not weaken them. Given what is at stake, the license renewal process, for instance, should require a great deal more than simply returning a postcard!

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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